

February 1996 Newsletter

Snowy Salutations!

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Can you believe that since the Tuesday after Thanksgiving we've had continuous snow on the ground, except for a week or so? Can you believe I've still not done a painting of the glorious stuff? Too busy every spare moment the last couple of weeks going through and cleaning up our basement from the Flood of '96, which naturally followed the Blizzard of '96

Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle has arranged another treat for us. Monday February 26, 7:30 pm, at the Somerset County Library, we will have Betty Lou Schlemm Night--a slide show with audio cassette "Painting Thoughts". Betty Lou tackles everything from composition to finishing up your watercolor. I'm sure you're familiar with her watercolors, her well-deserved national reputation, and at least one of her books. Debbie has been gracious enough to present this program and tells me that Betty Lou is planning to stop her regular classes in Rockport (although she'll do a few workshops), so you'll want to catch this opportunity. Also, at this meeting Corinne Kenney will have a variety of wooden frames suitable for oils and acrylics which she is selling very inexpensively.

As you know from my September Newsletter Dick Ireland passed away last summer. Isabelle Ireland has canvas stretchers and frames, both wood and metal, some with glass (you remember that Dick's talents extended into several media) which are yours for the asking. Isabelle lives in Bound Brook and you may call her at 356-2072 to come by. There are also several easels (2 free), a drawing table, and watercolor paper very inexpensive. There were books too, but I suggested that those go to a local library as the Richard Ireland Collection, so that many can enjoy them. So do avail yourself of this kind (and free) offer.

President Ed Golubiewski announced last meeting that the Somerset County Library is booked during our usual spring show time. He's looking into the Bound Brook Library but is very open to any ideas for our spring show. Any ideas? We'd like to have the show! Please call Ed at 356-9091.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Linda Arnold's painting "Pisces" was accepted into the juried West Essex Art Association Show at Caldwell College January 20-February 2. Linda also saw works by RVAA members Linda Beazley and Elsa Herrmann there.

Doris Keller Terris has had a painting selected for the "Winterscapes" juried exhibition at the Stony Brook Gallery, Pennington, N.J. The show runs January 20 through March 9. Please call 609-737-7592 for hours.

Frank E. Zuccarelli won the Helen G. Oehler Memorial Award with \$150. for a pastel painting at the juried American Artist Professional League Grand National Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, in New York City.

The members' juried American Artist Professional League-NJ Chapter Show is presently at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn, to March 25th. RVAA members Linda Beazley, Elsa Herrmann, Joan McKinney, Diana W. Patton, Debbie Tintle, Sonja Weir, and Ruth Wilson have works accepted and Ruth Wilson won an award (which will be presented at the reception February 11).

Hopefully we'll have news on an April NY City bus trip in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile, enjoy the snow and maybe we'll beat all previous NJ snowfall records. We're close! Keep your bird and squirrel feeders full!